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THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Usually the amount of lease is determined by taking the average for the previous three or four years."

High school at Kunisseri, Palghat taluk.

* 920 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any application from Sri Seetharama Ayyar, Kunisseri, Palghat, for permission to open a High School at Kunisseri;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the said gentleman has offered to furnish the necessary security, provide buildings and all equipments for the opening of the High School ; and

(*c*) what action the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) An application, dated 17th December 1952, was received by the District Educational Officer, South Malabar, from Sri Seetharama Ayyar for opening a High School at Kunisseri. As the application did not contain all the required particulars, Sri Seetharama Ayyar was asked to furnish the additional particulars. In his reply, he reported that he had dropped the proposal of opening a High School at Kunisseri on the ground that it would affect the progress of the Higher Elementary School under his management."

Rehabilitation scheme for the tribal people of Pathapatnam.

* 921 *Q.*—SRI L. LAKSHMANA DAS : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any rehabilitation scheme for the tribal people of Pathapatnam constituency is ready for implementation; and

(*b*) if so, when it will be implemented?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI L. LAKSHMANA DAS :—" In view of the fact that there are many tribesmen in Pathapatnam, Marangi and other places, will the Government consider the desirability of taking up some schemes for the amelioration of these people? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" After the new Government is formed in the Andhra State, Sir."

Suicide cases among the Police forces.

8-50 a.m. * 922 *Q.*—SRI T. POTHA RAJU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of persons in armed forces, i.e., constables, Malabar Special Police and Special Armed Police of our State, who have committed suicide in the year 1951–52; the causes for such suicides and the measures the Government propose to take if any, to avert such things in future?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There were no cases of suicide in the Malabar Special Police during the year 1951–52.

" Two constables of the Special Armed Police, Bellary Unit (since abolished) and one constable of the Special Armed Police Unit, Red Hills, committed suicide during 1951–52.

" One of the constables of the Bellary Unit committed suicide on account of certain misunderstandings in family affairs. No records are available to show the reasons for the suicide of the other constable. The constable of the Special Armed Police Unit, Red Hills, is stated to have got disgusted with life and committed suicide.

" Strict supervision is being exercised in respect of arms and ammunition issued to Special Armed Police men and surprise checks are also made to ensure that they do not come into possession of unauthorized arms and ammunition."

Action taken on G.O. Ms. No. 698, *Health, dated* 4*th March* 1952.

* 923 *Q.*—SRI M. VEERABHADRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state what is the further action taken by the Government with regard to the items Nos. 4, 5, 8, 10 and 14 of G.O. Ms. No. 698, Health, dated 4th March 1952?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Paragraph 1 (4) and (5) of G.O. No. 698, Health, dated 4th March 1952—The scheme referred to therein, namely, constitution of a leave reserve for certain classes of hospital workers in the three collegiate hospitals, viz., King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam, Government General Hospital and Government Stanley Hospital, Madras, has since been sanctioned.

" Paragraph 1 (8) of G.O. No. 698, Health, dated 4th March 1952—The Government have since decided to bring into regular establishment all other hospital workers now borne on contingent establishment except Gurkha watchmen and gate peons who are on a fixed pay and punka-pullers who are part-time employees.

" Paragraph 1 (10) of G.O. No. 698, Health, dated 4th March 1952—The rules have already been revised by the Director of Medical Services and printed copies of the same will soon be available.

" Paragraph 1 (14) of G.O. No. 698, Health, dated 4th March 1952—The proposals referred to have since been received from the Director of Medical Services and orders issued thereon."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" The Hon. Minister for Health had more than once admitted that our hospitals are now-a-days overcrowded and that the staff employed there were having heavy work. In view of that, will the Government consider the desirability of raising the salaries of the low-paid employees in the hospitals? "